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According to the 29 September 1953 issue of the SED organ of Bezirk Neubrandenburg, Hans Jendretzky was made a member of the SED Secretariat in Bezirk Neubrandenburg on 28 September. On 5 October, the same press organ reported on a session of the Bezirksrat (parliament) held on 3 October, in the course of which Willy Steudte was replaced by Jendretzky as chairman of the Bezirksrat (Council of the Bezirk) Neubrandenburg. After 22 October, the paper featured all speeches held by Jendretzky either at the Bezirksrat or in public.

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2. [ ] in this connection [ ] Jendretzky received seven votes at the crucial plenary session of the SED Central Committee. Since he did not belong to the Herrnstadt faction and did not take place in the plot against Ulbricht he was expected to be one of the first to be rehabilitated after the purge initiated in connection with the 17 June experiences. Jendretzky was deeply shocked by the June uprisings and is known to have taken the new course seriously. His public self-criticism was genuine. This was resented by the SED Central Committee which did not reelect him as one of its members and now sent him, for probation, to Neubrandenburg, a district which has been greatly neglected so far.

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